IMPORTANT

ANNOUNCEMENT,

DOMINION ALLIANCE OFFICE,

TORONTO, FEBRUARY, 26th, 1897.

DEAR FRIEND,

In view of the overwhelming majority recorded by Ontario against the liquor traffic in the Provincial plebiscite, the demand made by the great Convention held in this city last July, and the promises made by the Ontario Government, it was confidently anticipated that an important measure of useful restrictive legislation for the curtailment of the liquor traffic would be enacted by the Legislature at its present session.

The measure introduced into the Legislature on Thursday of this week, while good in some particulars, was, however, so far short of what was anticipated, and in some respects so retrograde in its character—being directly favorable to the liquor traffic—that it has deeply disappointed the friends of temperance.

A hurridly convened meeting of active temperance workers representing all classes and parties, held yesterday afternoon, decided *to protest strongly* against this failure of the Government to recognize the necessities of the situation, by adequate legislation to further effectively restrict the serious evils caused by the liquor traffic as at present carried on.

A **Mass Meeting** of citizens, with this object, will be held on **Thursday next, March 4th,** in **Association Hall,** corner Yonge and McGill Sts., at 8 p.m. The Mayor of Toronto will preside.

You are earnestly requested to attend this meeting and to kindly do your best in the meantime to ensure its success by having it *announced* at church services. Sabbath Schools and other gatherings as far as possible.

Relying upon your co-operation in this very important matter, we remain, with much respect,

On behalf of the Committee.

F. S. SPENCE,
Secretary

J. J. MACLAREN,
Chairman